good of themselves and say, `This is a clear lie?`

13. Why did they not bring four witnesses for it? Then when they did not produce the witnesses, they are liars in the sight of Allah.

14. And if it had not been for the Grace of Allah upon you and **His** Mercy in this world and the Hereafter, surely a great punishment would have touched you for what you had rushed glibly concerning it.

15. When you received it with your tongues and said with your mouths that of which you had no knowledge, and you thought it insignificant, while it was great in the sight of Allah.

16. And why did you not, when you heard it, say, `It is not for us that we speak this. Glory be to **You**! This is a great slander`?

17. Allah warns you that you should not repeat the like of it ever, if you are believers.

18. And Allah makes clear to you the Verses. And Allah is All-Knower, All-Wise.

19. Indeed, those who like that immorality should spread among those who believe, for them is a painful punishment in this world and the Hereafter.

بِأَنفُسِهِمْ خَيْرًا وَقَالُوا هَٰذَا إِفْكٌ مُّبِينٌ ﴿١٢﴾

12	clear?`	(is) a lie	`This	and say,	good of themselves

لَّوْلَا جَاءُو عَلَيْهِ بِأَرْبَعَةِ شُهَدَاءَ ۚ فَإِذْ لَمْ

not	Then when	witnesses?	four	for it	they bring	Why (did) not

يَأْتُوا بِالشُّهَدَاءِ فَأُولَٰئِكَ عِندَ اللَّهِ هُمُ الْكَاذِبُونَ

(are) the liars.	they	near Allah,	then those	the witnesses,	they brought

وَلَوْلَا فَضْلُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَتُهُ فِي ﴿١٣﴾

in	and **His** Mercy	upon you	(of) Allah	(for the) Grace	And if not	13

الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ لَمَسَّكُمْ فِي مَا

what	in	surely would have touched you	and the Hereafter,	the world

أَفَضْتُمْ فِيهِ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿١٤﴾ إِذْ

When	14	great.	a punishment	concerning it	you had rushed glibly

تَلَقَّوْنَهُ بِأَلْسِنَتِكُمْ وَتَقُولُونَ بِأَفْوَاهِكُم مَّا

what	with your mouths	and you said	with your tongues	you received it

لَيْسَ لَكُم بِهِ عِلْمٌ وَتَحْسَبُونَهُ هَيِّنًا

(was) insignificant,	and you thought it	any knowledge,	of it	for you	not

وَهُوَ عِندَ اللَّهِ عَظِيمٌ ﴿١٥﴾ وَلَوْلَا إِذْ سَمِعْتُمُوهُ

you heard it,	when	And why not,	15	great.	(was) near Allah	while it

قُلْتُم مَّا يَكُونُ لَنَا أَن نَّتَكَلَّمَ بِهَٰذَا سُبْحَانَكَ

Glory be to **You**!	of this.	we speak	that	for us	it is	`Not	you said,

هَٰذَا بُهْتَانٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿١٦﴾ يَعِظُكُمُ اللَّهُ أَن تَعُودُوا

you return	that	Allah warns you	16	great`?	(is) a slander	This

لِمِثْلِهِ أَبَدًا إِن كُنتُم مُّؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٧﴾ وَيُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ

And Allah makes clear	17	believers.	you are	if	ever,	(to the) like of it

لَكُمُ الْآيَاتِ ۚ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿١٨﴾ إِنَّ

Indeed,	18	All-Wise.	(is) All-Knower,	And Allah	the Verses.	to you

الَّذِينَ يُحِبُّونَ أَن تَشِيعَ الْفَاحِشَةُ فِي الَّذِينَ

those who	among	the immorality	(should) spread	that	like	those who

آمَنُوا لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ ۚ

and the Hereafter.	the world	in	painful	(is) a punishment	for them	believe,

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وَٱللَّهُ	يَعۡلَمُ	وَأَنتُمۡ	لَا	تَعۡلَمُونَ	﴿١٩﴾	وَلَوۡلَا
And Allah	knows,	while you	(do) not	know.	19	And if not

فَضۡلُ ٱللَّهِ	عَلَيۡكُمۡ	وَرَحۡمَتُهُۥ	وَأَنَّ	ٱللَّهَ
(for the) Grace of Allah	upon you	and **His** Mercy.	And that	Allah

رَءُوفٞ	رَّحِيمٞ	﴿٢٠﴾	يَٰٓأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ	۞
(is) Full of Kindness,	Most Merciful.	20	O you who believe!	

لَا	تَتَّبِعُواْ	خُطُوَٰتِ	ٱلشَّيۡطَٰنِۚ	وَمَن	يَتَّبِعۡ
(Do) not	follow	(the) footsteps	(of) the Shaitaan,	and whoever	follows

خُطُوَٰتِ	ٱلشَّيۡطَٰنِ	فَإِنَّهُۥ	يَأۡمُرُ	بِٱلۡفَحۡشَآءِ
(the) footsteps	(of) the Shaitaan	then indeed, he	commands	the immorality

وَٱلۡمُنكَرِۚ	وَلَوۡلَا	فَضۡلُ ٱللَّهِ	عَلَيۡكُمۡ	وَرَحۡمَتُهُۥ
and the evil.	And if not	(for the) Grace of Allah	upon you	and **His** Mercy

مَا	زَكَىٰ	مِنكُم	مِّنۡ أَحَدٍ	أَبَدٗا	وَلَٰكِنَّ ٱللَّهَ	
not	(would) have been pure	among you	anyone	ever,	but	Allah

يُزَكِّي	مَن	يَشَآءُۚ	وَٱللَّهُ	سَمِيعٌ	عَلِيمٞ	﴿٢١﴾
purifies	whom	**He** wills.	And Allah	(is) All-Hearer,	All-Knower.	21

وَلَا	يَأۡتَلِ	أُوْلُواْ ٱلۡفَضۡلِ	مِنكُمۡ	وَٱلسَّعَةِ
And not	let swear	those of virtue	among you	and the amplitude of means

أَن	يُؤۡتُوٓاْ	أُوْلِي ٱلۡقُرۡبَىٰ	وَٱلۡمَسَٰكِينَ	وَٱلۡمُهَٰجِرِينَ	فِي
that	they give	(to) the near of kin,	and the needy	and the emigrants	in

سَبِيلِ	ٱللَّهِۖ	وَلۡيَعۡفُواْ	وَلۡيَصۡفَحُوٓاْۗ	أَلَا	تُحِبُّونَ
(the) way	(of) Allah.	And let them pardon	and let them overlook.	(Do) not	you like

أَن	يَغۡفِرَ ٱللَّهُ	لَكُمۡۗ	وَٱللَّهُ	غَفُورٞ	رَّحِيمٞ
that	Allah should forgive	you?	And Allah	(is) Oft-Forgiving,	Most Merciful.

﴿٢٢﴾	إِنَّ ٱلَّذِينَ	يَرۡمُونَ	ٱلۡمُحۡصَنَٰتِ	ٱلۡغَٰفِلَٰتِ	
22	Indeed,	those who	accuse	the chaste women,	the unaware women

ٱلۡمُؤۡمِنَٰتِ	لُعِنُواْ	فِي	ٱلدُّنۡيَا	وَٱلۡأٓخِرَةِ
(and) the believing women,	are cursed	in	the world	and the Hereafter.

وَلَهُمۡ	عَذَابٌ	عَظِيمٞ	﴿٢٣﴾	يَوۡمَ	تَشۡهَدُ
And for them	(is) a punishment	great.	23	(On a) Day,	will bear witness

And Allah knows, while you do not know.

20. And if it had not been for the Grace of Allah upon you and His Mercy. And that Allah is Full of Kindness, Most Merciful.

21. O you who believe! Do not follow the footsteps of Shaitaan, and whoever follows the footsteps of Shaitaan, then indeed, he commands immorality and evil. And had there not been the Grace and Mercy of Allah upon you, none of you would have ever been pure, but Allah purifies whom **He** wills. And Allah is All-Hearer, All-Knower.

22. And let not those of virtue among you and the wealthy swear not to give to the near of kin and the needy and the emigrants in the way of Allah. And let them pardon and overlook. Do you not like that Allah should forgive you? And Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

23. Indeed, those who accuse chaste, unaware and believing women are cursed in this world and the Hereafter. And for them is a great punishment.

24. On a Day when

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their tongues, their hands and their feet will bear witness against them as to what they used to do.

25. On that Day Allah will pay them in full their due (deserved) recompense, and they will know that Allah is the Manifest Truth.

26. Evil women are for evil men, and evil men are for evil women. And good women are for good men, and good men are for good women. Those are innocent of what they (slanderers) say. For them is forgiveness and a noble provision.

27. O you who believe! Do not enter houses other than your own houses until you have asked permission and greeted its inhabitants. That is best for you, so that you may be pay heed.

28. But if you do not find anyone in it, then do not enter it until permission has been given to you. And if it is said to you, ` Go back,` then go back; it is purer for you. And Allah is All-Knower of what you do.

29. There is no blame upon you if you enter uninhabited houses in which there is provision for you. And Allah knows what you reveal

عَلَيۡهِمۡ	أَلۡسِنَتُهُمۡ	وَأَيۡدِيهِمۡ	وَأَرۡجُلُهُم	بِمَا	كَانُواْ
they used	for what	and their feet	and their hands	their tongues,	against them
يَعۡمَلُونَ	﴿٢٤﴾	يَوۡمَئِذٖ	يُوَفِّيهِمُ ٱللَّهُ	دِينَهُمُ	
(to) do.	24	That Day,	Allah will pay them in full	their recompense,	
ٱلۡحَقَّ	وَيَعۡلَمُونَ	أَنَّ	ٱللَّهَ	هُوَ	ٱلۡحَقُّ	ٱلۡمُبِينُ
the due,	and they will know	that	Allah,	He	(is) the Truth	the Manifest.
﴿٢٥﴾	ٱلۡخَبِيثَٰتُ	لِلۡخَبِيثِينَ	وَٱلۡخَبِيثُونَ	لِلۡخَبِيثَٰتِۖ	
25	Evil women	(are) for evil men,	and evil men	(are) for evil women.	
وَٱلطَّيِّبَٰتُ	لِلطَّيِّبِينَ	وَٱلطَّيِّبُونَ	لِلطَّيِّبَٰتِۚ	أُوْلَٰٓئِكَ	
And good women	(are) for good men	and good men	(are) for good women.	Those	
مُبَرَّءُونَ	مِمَّا	يَقُولُونَۖ	لَهُم	مَّغۡفِرَةٞ	وَرِزۡقٞ
(are) innocent	of what	they say.	For them	(is) forgiveness	and a provision
كَرِيمٞ	﴿٢٦﴾	يَٰٓأَيُّهَا	ٱلَّذِينَ	ءَامَنُواْ	لَا	تَدۡخُلُواْ
noble.	26	O you	who	believe!	(Do) not	enter
بُيُوتًا	غَيۡرَ	بُيُوتِكُمۡ	حَتَّىٰ	تَسۡتَأۡنِسُواْ	
houses	other (than)	your houses	until	you have asked permission	
وَتُسَلِّمُواْ	عَلَىٰٓ	أَهۡلِهَاۚ	ذَٰلِكُمۡ	خَيۡرٞ	لَّكُمۡ
and you have greeted	[on]	its inhabitants.	That	(is) best	for you
لَعَلَّكُمۡ	تَذَكَّرُونَ	﴿٢٧﴾	فَإِن	لَّمۡ	تَجِدُواْ	فِيهَآ
so that you may	pay heed.	27	But if	not	you find	in it
أَحَدٗا	فَلَا	تَدۡخُلُوهَا	حَتَّىٰ	يُؤۡذَنَ	لَكُمۡۖ	
anyone,	then (do) not	enter it	until	permission has been given	to you.	
وَإِن	قِيلَ	لَكُمُ	ٱرۡجِعُواْ	فَٱرۡجِعُواْۖ	هُوَ	أَزۡكَىٰ
And if	it is said	to you	` Go back,`	then go back;	it	(is) purer
لَكُمۡۚ	وَٱللَّهُ	بِمَا	تَعۡمَلُونَ	عَلِيمٞ	﴿٢٨﴾	لَّيۡسَ
for you.	And Allah	of what	you do	(is) All-Knower.	28	Not
عَلَيۡكُمۡ	جُنَاحٌ	أَن	تَدۡخُلُواْ	بُيُوتًا	غَيۡرَ	مَسۡكُونَةٖ
upon you	(is) any blame	that	you enter	houses	not	inhabited,
فِيهَا	مَتَٰعٞ	لَّكُمۡۚ	وَٱللَّهُ	يَعۡلَمُ	مَا	تُبۡدُونَ
in it	(is) a provision	for you.	And Allah	knows	what	you reveal

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وَمَا تَكْتُمُونَ ﴿٢٩﴾ قُل لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَغُضُّوا

and what	you conceal.	29	Say	to the believing men	they should lower

مِنْ أَبْصَـٰرِهِمْ وَيَحْفَظُوا۟ فُرُوجَهُمْ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ أَزْكَىٰ

their gaze	and they should guard	their chastity.	That	(is) purer	

لَهُمْ ۗ إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ خَبِيرٌۢ بِمَا يَصْنَعُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾

for them.	Indeed,	Allah	(is) All-Aware	of what	they do.	30

وَقُل لِّلْمُؤْمِنَـٰتِ يَغْضُضْنَ مِنْ أَبْصَـٰرِهِنَّ

And say	to the believing women	(that) they should lower	[of]	their gaze

وَيَحْفَظْنَ فُرُوجَهُنَّ وَلَا يُبْدِينَ زِينَتَهُنَّ

and they should guard	their chastity,	and not	(to) display	their adornment

إِلَّا مَا ظَهَرَ مِنْهَا ۖ وَلْيَضْرِبْنَ بِخُمُرِهِنَّ عَلَىٰ

except	what	is apparent	of it.	And let them draw	their head covers	over

جُيُوبِهِنَّ ۖ وَلَا يُبْدِينَ زِينَتَهُنَّ إِلَّا لِبُعُولَتِهِنَّ

their bosoms,	and not	(to) display	their adornment	except	to their husbands,

أَوْ ءَابَآئِهِنَّ أَوْ ءَابَآءِ بُعُولَتِهِنَّ أَوْ أَبْنَآئِهِنَّ

or	their fathers	or	fathers	(of) their husbands	or	their sons

أَوْ أَبْنَآءِ بُعُولَتِهِنَّ أَوْ إِخْوَٰنِهِنَّ أَوْ بَنِىٓ

or	sons	(of) their husbands	or	their brothers	or	sons

إِخْوَٰنِهِنَّ أَوْ بَنِىٓ أَخَوَٰتِهِنَّ أَوْ نِسَآئِهِنَّ أَوْ مَا

or	(of) their brothers	or	sons	(of) their sisters,	or	their women	or	what

مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَـٰنُهُنَّ أَوِ ٱلتَّـٰبِعِينَ غَيْرِ أُو۟لِى ٱلْإِرْبَةِ

posses	their right hands	or	the attendants	having no physical desire

مِنَ ٱلرِّجَالِ أَوِ ٱلطِّفْلِ ٱلَّذِينَ لَمْ يَظْهَرُوا۟

among	[the] men	or	[the] children	who	(are) not	aware

عَلَىٰ عَوْرَٰتِ ٱلنِّسَآءِ ۖ وَلَا يَضْرِبْنَ بِأَرْجُلِهِنَّ

of	private aspects	(of) the women.	And not	let them stamp	their feet

لِيُعْلَمَ مَا يُخْفِينَ مِن زِينَتِهِنَّ ۚ وَتُوبُوٓا۟

to make known	what	they conceal	of	their adornment.	And turn

إِلَى ٱللَّهِ جَمِيعًا أَيُّهَ ٱلْمُؤْمِنُونَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ

to	Allah	altogether	O believers!	So that you may	succeed.

and what you conceal.

30. Say to the believing men to lower their gaze and guard their chastity. That is purer for them. Indeed, Allah is All-Aware of what they do.

31. And say to the believing women to lower their gaze and guard their chastity and not display their adornment except what is apparent thereof. And let them draw their head covers over their bosoms and not display their adornment except to their husbands, their fathers, their husbands` fathers, their sons, their husbands` sons, their brothers, their brothers` sons, their sisters` sons, their women, that which their right hands possess or those male attendants having no physical desire or children who are not yet aware of the private aspects of women. And let them not stamp their feet to make known what they conceal of their adornment. And turn, all of you, in repentance to Allah O believers! So that you may succeed.

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٣١ وَأَنكِحُوا۟	ٱلْأَيَـٰمَىٰ	مِنكُمْ	وَٱلصَّـٰلِحِينَ	مِنْ	
And marry	the single	among you	and the righteous	among	
31					
عِبَادِكُمْ	وَإِمَآئِكُمْ ۚ	إِن يَكُونُوا۟	فُقَرَآءَ	يُغْنِهِمُ ٱللَّهُ	
your male slaves,	and your female slaves.	If	they are	poor,	Allah will enrich them
مِن	فَضْلِهِۦ ۗ	وَٱللَّهُ	وَٰسِعٌ	عَلِيمٌ	٣٢
from	**His** Bounty.	And Allah	(is) All-Encompassing,	All-Knowing.	32
وَلْيَسْتَعْفِفِ	ٱلَّذِينَ	لَا	يَجِدُونَ	نِكَاحًا	حَتَّىٰ
And let be chaste	those who	(do) not	find	(means for) marriage	until
يُغْنِيَهُمُ ٱللَّهُ	مِن	فَضْلِهِۦ ۗ	وَٱلَّذِينَ	يَبْتَغُونَ	ٱلْكِتَـٰبَ
Allah enriches them	from	**His** Bounty.	And those who	seek	the writing
مِمَّا	مَلَكَتْ	أَيْمَـٰنُكُمْ	فَكَاتِبُوهُمْ	إِنْ	
from (those) whom	possess	your right hands,	then give them (the) writing	if	
عَلِمْتُمْ	فِيهِمْ	خَيْرًا ۖ	وَءَاتُوهُم	مِّن	مَّالِ ٱللَّهِ	ٱلَّذِىٓ
you know	in them	any good	and give them	from	the wealth of Allah	which
ءَاتَىٰكُمْ ۚ	وَلَا	تُكْرِهُوا۟	فَتَيَـٰتِكُمْ	عَلَى	ٱلْبِغَآءِ	
He has given you.	And (do) not	compel	your slave girls	to	[the] prostitution,	
إِنْ	أَرَدْنَ	تَحَصُّنًا	لِّتَبْتَغُوا۟	عَرَضَ	ٱلْحَيَوٰةِ	
if	they desire	chastity	that you may seek	temporary gain	(of) the life	
ٱلدُّنْيَا ۚ	وَمَن	يُكْرِههُّنَّ	فَإِنَّ	ٱللَّهَ	مِنۢ بَعْدِ	
(of) the world.	And whoever	compels them,	then indeed,	Allah	after	
إِكْرَٰهِهِنَّ	غَفُورٌ	رَّحِيمٌ	٣٣	وَلَقَدْ		
their compulsion	(is) Oft-Forgiving,	Most Merciful.	33	And verily,		
أَنزَلْنَآ	إِلَيْكُمْ	ءَايَـٰتٍ	مُّبَيِّنَـٰتٍ	وَمَثَلًا	مِّنَ	ٱلَّذِينَ
We have sent down	to you	Verses	clear,	and an example	of	those who
خَلَوْا۟	مِن قَبْلِكُمْ	وَمَوْعِظَةً	لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ	٣٤		
passed away	before you,	and an admonition	for those who fear (Allah).	34		
ٱللَّهُ	نُورُ	ٱلسَّمَـٰوَٰتِ	وَٱلْأَرْضِ ۚ	مَثَلُ	نُورِهِۦ	
Allah	(is the) Light	(of) the heavens	and the earth.	(The) example	(of) **His** Light	
كَمِشْكَوٰةٍ	فِيهَا	مِصْبَاحٌ ۖ	ٱلْمِصْبَاحُ	فِى	زُجَاجَةٍ ۖ	ٱلزُّجَاجَةُ	كَأَنَّهَا
(is) like a niche	in it	(is) a lamp;	the lamp	(is) in	a glass,	the glass	as if it were

32. And marry the single among you and the righteous among your male slaves and female slaves. If they are poor, Allah will enrich them from **His** Bounty. And Allah is All-Encompassing, All-Knowing.

33. And let those who do not find (means for) marriage keep themselves chaste until Allah enriches them of **His** Bounty. And those who seek a writing (of freedom) from among whom your right hands possess, give them the writing if you know any good in them, and give them from the wealth of Allah, which **He** has given you. And do not compel your slave girls to prostitution, if they desire chastity, to seek enjoyment of the life of this world. And whoever compels them, then indeed, Allah is, after they have been compelled, Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful (to the women).

34. And verily, **We** have sent down to you clear Verses and the example of those who passed away before you and an admonition for those who fear Allah.

35. Allah is the Light of the heavens and the earth. The example of **His** light is like a niche within which is a lamp; the lamp is within a glass, the glass as if it were

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كَوْكَبٌ دُرِّيٌّ يُوقَدُ مِن شَجَرَةٍ مُّبَٰرَكَةٍ زَيْتُونَةٍ لَّا شَرْقِيَّةٍ

(of the) east | not | an olive, | blessed - | a tree | from | (which) is lit | brilliant | a star

وَلَا غَرْبِيَّةٍ يَكَادُ زَيْتُهَا يُضِيٓءُ وَلَوْ لَمْ تَمْسَسْهُ نَارٌ ۚ

fire. | touched it | not | even if | glow, | its oil | would almost | (of the) west, | and not

نُّورٌ عَلَىٰ نُورٍ ۗ يَهْدِى ٱللَّهُ لِنُورِهِۦ مَن يَشَآءُ ۚ وَيَضْرِبُ ٱللَّهُ

And Allah sets forth | **He** wills. | whom | to **His** Light | Allah guides | Light. | upon | Light

ٱلْأَمْثَٰلَ لِلنَّاسِ ۗ وَٱللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَىْءٍ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٣٥﴾

35 | (is) All-Knower. | thing | of every | And Allah | for the mankind. | the examples

فِى بُيُوتٍ أَذِنَ ٱللَّهُ أَن تُرْفَعَ وَيُذْكَرَ فِيهَا

in them | and be mentioned | they be raised | that | (which) Allah ordered | houses | In

ٱسْمُهُۥ يُسَبِّحُ لَهُۥ فِيهَا بِٱلْغُدُوِّ وَٱلْءَاصَالِ ﴿٣٦﴾

36 | and (in) the evenings. | in the mornings | in them | [to] **Him** | Glorify | **His** name.

رِّجَالٌ لَّا تُلْهِيهِمْ تِجَٰرَةٌ وَلَا بَيْعٌ عَن ذِكْرِ ٱللَّهِ

(the) remembrance of Allah | from | sale | and not | trade | distracts them | not | Men -

وَإِقَامِ ٱلصَّلَوٰةِ وَإِيتَآءِ ٱلزَّكَوٰةِ ۙ يَخَافُونَ يَوْمًا تَتَقَلَّبُ

will turn about | a Day | They fear | *zakah*. | and giving | the prayer | and (from) establishing

فِيهِ ٱلْقُلُوبُ وَٱلْأَبْصَٰرُ ﴿٣٧﴾ لِيَجْزِيَهُمُ ٱللَّهُ

That Allah may reward them | **37** | and the eyes. | the hearts | therein

أَحْسَنَ مَا عَمِلُوا۟ وَيَزِيدَهُم مِّن فَضْلِهِۦ ۗ وَٱللَّهُ

And Allah | **His** Bounty. | from | and increase them | they did, | (of) what | (with the) best

يَرْزُقُ مَن يَشَآءُ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ ﴿٣٨﴾ وَٱلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوٓا۟

disbelieve, | But those who | **38** | measure. | without | **He** wills | whom | provides

أَعْمَٰلُهُمْ كَسَرَابٍۭ بِقِيعَةٍ يَحْسَبُهُ ٱلظَّمْـَٔانُ مَآءً

(to be) water, | the thirsty one | thinks it | in a lowland, | (are) like a mirage | their deeds

حَتَّىٰٓ إِذَا جَآءَهُۥ لَمْ يَجِدْهُ شَيْـًٔا وَوَجَدَ ٱللَّهَ

Allah | but he finds | (to be) anything, | he finds it | not | he comes to it, | when | until

عِندَهُۥ فَوَفَّىٰهُ حِسَابَهُۥ ۗ وَٱللَّهُ سَرِيعُ ٱلْحِسَابِ

(in) the account. | (is) swift | And Allah | his due. | **He** will pay him in full | before him,

أَوْ كَظُلُمَٰتٍ فِى بَحْرٍ لُّجِّىٍّ يَغْشَىٰهُ مَوْجٌ ﴿٣٩﴾

a wave, | covers it | deep, | a sea | in | (is) like (the) darkness[es] | Or | **39**

a brilliant star lit from the (oil of) a blessed olive tree, neither of the east nor of the west, whose oil would almost glow even if untouched by fire. Light upon Light. Allah guides to **His** Light whom **He** wills. And Allah sets forth examples for mankind. And Allah is All-Knower of everything.

36. In houses which Allah has ordered to be raised and **His** name be mentioned therein. Glorify **Him** therein in the mornings and the evenings.

37. Men whom neither trade nor sale distracts from the remembrance of Allah and the establishing of the prayer and giving of *zakah*. They fear a Day in which the hearts and eyes will turn about.

38. That Allah may reward them (according to) the best of what they did and increase them from **His** Bounty. And Allah provides whom **He** wills without measure.

39. But (as for) those who disbelieve, their deeds are like a mirage in a desert which a thirsty one thinks to be water until, when he comes to it, he finds it to be nothing but finds Allah before him, and **He** will pay him in full his due. And Allah is swift in account.

40. Or (the unbelievers state) is like utter darkness in a deep sea which is covered by waves,

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مِّن فَوْقِهِۦ مَوْجٌ مِّن فَوْقِهِۦ سَحَابٌ ظُلُمَٰتُۢ بَعْضُهَا فَوْقَ بَعْضٍ

others.	on	some of it	darkness[es]	a cloud,	on it	a wave,	on it

إِذَآ أَخْرَجَ يَدَهُۥ لَمْ يَكَدْ يَرَىٰهَا ۗ وَمَن لَّمْ

not	And (for) whom	he (can) see it.	hardly	his hand	he puts out	When

يَجْعَلِ ٱللَّهُ لَهُۥ نُورًا فَمَا لَهُۥ مِن نُّورٍ ﴿٤٠﴾ أَلَمْ

Do not	40	light.	(is) any	for him	then not	a light,	for him	Allah (has) made

تَرَ أَنَّ ٱللَّهَ يُسَبِّحُ لَهُۥ مَن فِى ٱلسَّمَٰوَٰتِ وَٱلْأَرْضِ

and the earth	the heavens	(is) in	whoever	**Him**	glorify	Allah -	that	you see

وَٱلطَّيْرُ صَٰٓفَّٰتٍ ۖ كُلٌّ قَدْ عَلِمَ صَلَاتَهُۥ

its prayer	knows	verily	Each one	(with) wings outspread?	and the birds

وَتَسْبِيحَهُۥ ۗ وَٱللَّهُ عَلِيمٌۢ بِمَا يَفْعَلُونَ ﴿٤١﴾

41	they do.	of what	(is) All-Knower	And Allah	and its glorification.

وَلِلَّهِ مُلْكُ ٱلسَّمَٰوَٰتِ وَٱلْأَرْضِ ۖ وَإِلَى ٱللَّهِ

Allah	And to	and the earth.	(of) the heavens	(the) dominion	And to Allah (belongs)

ٱلْمَصِيرُ ﴿٤٢﴾ أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ ٱللَّهَ يُزْجِى سَحَابًا ثُمَّ

then	clouds	drives	Allah	that	you see	Do not	42	(is) the destination.

يُؤَلِّفُ بَيْنَهُۥ ثُمَّ يَجْعَلُهُۥ رُكَامًا فَتَرَى ٱلْوَدْقَ

the rain	then you see	(into) a mass,	makes them	then	between them	joins

يَخْرُجُ مِنْ خِلَٰلِهِۦ وَيُنَزِّلُ مِنَ ٱلسَّمَآءِ مِن جِبَالٍ

mountains	[from]	(the) sky,	from	And **He** sends down	their midst?	from	comes forth

فِيهَا مِنۢ بَرَدٍ فَيُصِيبُ بِهِۦ مَن يَشَآءُ وَيَصْرِفُهُۥ عَن

from	and averts it	**He** wills	whom	with it	and **He** strikes	(is) hail	[of]	within it

مَّن يَشَآءُ ۖ يَكَادُ سَنَا بَرْقِهِۦ يَذْهَبُ بِٱلْأَبْصَٰرِ ﴿٤٣﴾

43	the sight.	takes away	(of) its lighting	(the) flash	Nearly	**He** wills.	whom

يُقَلِّبُ ٱللَّهُ ٱلَّيْلَ وَٱلنَّهَارَ ۚ إِنَّ فِى ذَٰلِكَ لَعِبْرَةً

surely is a lesson	that	in	Indeed,	and the day.	the night	Allah alternates

لِّأُو۟لِى ٱلْأَبْصَٰرِ ﴿٤٤﴾ وَٱللَّهُ خَلَقَ كُلَّ دَآبَّةٍ مِّن

from	moving creature	every	created	And Allah	44	for those who have vision.

مَّآءٍ ۖ فَمِنْهُم مَّن يَمْشِى عَلَىٰ بَطْنِهِۦ وَمِنْهُم مَّن

(is a kind) who	and of them	its belly,	on	walks	(is a kind) who	Of them	water.

on which is another wave, above which is a cloud, (layers of) utter darkness, one above another. When one puts out his hand, he can hardly see it. And he, for whom Allah has not given light, then there is no light for him.

41. Do you not see that Allah is **He Whom** glorify whoever is in the heavens and the earth and the birds with wings outspread? Each one knows its (mode of) prayer and glorification. And Allah is All-Knower of what they do.

42. And to Allah (belongs) the dominion of the heavens and the earth. And to Allah is the destination.

43. Do you not see that Allah drives clouds, then joins them together, then makes them into a mass, then you see the rain emerge from their midst? And **He** sends down from the sky, mountains (of clouds) within which is hail, and **He** strikes with it whom **He** wills and averts it from whom **He** wills. The flash of its lightning almost takes away the sight.

44. Allah alternates the night and the day. Indeed, in that is a lesson for those who have vision.

45. And Allah has created every moving creature from water. Of them is (a kind) that creeps on its belly, and of them is (a kind) that

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